

Love that dog

by S. Creech

3rd, 4th grades

I use this book in April when we celebrate National Children's Poetry month. I always read the poems in the back of the book explaining all the while what the poets are talking about. Good idea would be to find the poetry books that have the whole poems in them. Kids love the book and it's fun to read and doesn't take very long.

Materials:

- * Love that dog
- * PowerPoint of the poems in the back of the book
- * Paper
- * Pencils

Instruction:

1. Read the book! May take 2 weeks. or you could choose to only read segments of the book (especially where they write the apple poems).
2. After reading book, I put back on the screen the apple poem in the back of the book. Kids get a kick out of you reading it out loud.
3. Pass out paper/pencils and first have students:
 - a. come up with an object to write their poem about
 - b. make a list of adjectives that describe that object
 - c. make a shape poem (like in the book) out of their words.
4. This is a fun lesson and the third graders love it. I like to give them construction paper so that they can cut the paper the same shape and then post it in the hallways.

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The Apple

by S.C. Rigg

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apple apple apple apple

apple yum apple yum apple yum apple

juicy juicy juicy juicy juicy juicy juicy juicy

crunchy crunchy crunchy crunchy crunchy crunchy

red yellow green red yellow green red yellow green red

apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple

apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple

apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple apple

yum delicious yum delicious yum delicious yum delicious yum delicious

yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum yum

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